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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNESCO, IS, XF

SUBJECT: UNESCO INITIATIVE ON THE OCCUPIED ARAB  
TERRITORIES

1. DURING HIS AUGUST 6 COURTESY CALL ON ADG NAJMAH, WHO SAME EVENING LEFT ON VACATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5, ACTING PERMREP WARVARIV HAS LEARNED THAT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, A LETTER FROM DG M'BOW TO THE GOI WILL BE HAND-CARRIED BY NAJMAN'S DEPUTY (KABORE) TO ISRAELI PERMREP YAPOU CONCERNING SUBJECT MATTER.

2. LETTER, DRAFTING OF WHICH WAS CAREFULLY PREPARED IN SOME CONSULTATIONS WITH ISRAELI PERMDEL, MAKES NO REFERENCE TO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 13.1 THAT SINCE HAS BECOME CASUS BELLI IN UNESCO-ISRAELI-US RELATIONSHIPS, NOR TO ANY OTHER UNESCO RESOLUTION. IT SIMPLY PROPOSES THAT GOI PERMIT, ACCORDING TO NAJMAN, THREE "OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WIDELY KNOWN FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND OBJECTIVITY" TO VISIT THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES IN ORDER TO  
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PREPARE FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL A REPORT ON STATUS OF

EDUCATION IN THESE TERRITORIES.

3. NAJMAN POLITELY DELINED TO NAME THESE INDIVIDUALS ON GROUNDS THAT "GOI HAS TO BE FIRST TO LEARN THEIR NAMES", BUT AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT ALL THREE ARE WELL KNOWN IN UNESCO AND UN CIRCLES AS TRULY PROFESSIONAL AND IMPARTIAL SCHOLARS. NAJMAN STRESSED THAT THEY WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO DG M'BOW WHO ALONE WILL DETERMINE HOW TO USE THEIR FINDINGS: ORALLY OR IN WRITING; IN EXCERPTS OR IN FULL, ETC.

4. IH RESPONSE TO ACTING PERMREP ALLUSION TO WHAT HAPPENED IN GENEVA WITH WHO REPORTS ON STATUS OF HEALTH IN THESE TERRITORIES, NAJMAN IMPATIENTLY STATED: "YES, YES WE ALL HAVE LEARNED A LESSON, BUT LET ME REASSURE YOU THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS QUITE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER NOT TO HAVE THIS REPEATED IH UNESCO."

5. ASKED WHETHER HE THINKS ISRAELIS WILL COOPERATE, NAJMAN REPLIED THAT DG FEELS THAT HIS ABOVE INITIATIVE IS VERY REASONABLE AND, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE VERY COMPLEX AND EMOTIONAL ISSUE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT FACE-SAVING IS IMPORTANT TO ALL CONCERNED AND IS THEREFORE HOPEFUL THAT ISRAELIS WOULD NOT REJECT THE DG'S WELL-INTENDED INITIATIVE.

6. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET ISRAELI PERMREP'S REACTION ON SUBJECT MATTER, INCLUDING NAMES OF THREE INDIVIDUALS, AND WILL REPORT ON OUR FINDINGS ASAP.  
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